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Civil Justice

Alleged collection of funds for entertainment to the hon. the Law Member.

* 2009 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Rao Bahadur A. V. Govinda Menon, District Judge, North Malabar, used his official position as a Judge for the purpose of collecting funds for the reception and entertainments to the hon. the Law Member during his visit to Tellicherry in February last, and for practically compelling some people to pay for the same;

(b) whether the District Court Sarishtadar and Mr. Narayana Kurup, the Government Pleader, and Mr. Kurup's son actually went about collecting subscriptions in Tellicherry under the influence of the District Judge, Mr. A. V. Govinda Menon; and

(c) whether the total amount collected by way of subscriptions exceeded two thousand rupees?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Number of temporary District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges.

* 2010 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of temporary District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges in the Presidency during the last ten years, the places where they were located, the periods for which they were working and the periods for which they were closed and the reasons for the same; and

(b) how many of these have been made permanent and why others have not been made permanent?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not consider it worth while collecting the information as the labour involved is great and not commensurate with the benefit to the public gained thereby. The hon. Member is, however, referred to the annual Administration Reports on Civil Justice during the years for such information as is available there.

Forests

Resumption of reserves transferred to Panchayats in North Arcot district.

* 2011 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the District Committee's report several reserved forests in and about Tiruvannamalai town, North Arcot district, which were originally supplying fuel to the needs of the town people, have been transferred to panchayats;

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Committee's report was vetoed as regards this matter by the Board of Revenue;

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(c) if so, whether the orders of the Board of Revenue will be placed on the table of this House;

(d) whether it is a fact that panchayats are not able to sell coupes following the 'working plans' and why they are so unable;

(e) whether it is a fact that for want of fuel coupes, the price of fuel has risen enormously of late and whether actual scarcity is felt to meet which casuarina fuel has to be brought from considerable distances and sold at high prices at Tiruvannamalai;

(f) whether it is a fact that these forests were mainly kept under Government control for the supply of fuel to the large pilgrim-centre of Tiruvannamalai;

(g) whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the feasibility of resuming the reserves now under the panchayats to ensure a steady supply of fuel to the town of Tiruvannamalai?

A.—(a) Kavuthimalai, Kannamandai, Radhapuram and Teppakadu reserves near Tiruvannamalai town were transferred to panchayat management.

(b) The reclassification was made by Government on the report of the Board of Revenue.

(c) A copy of the Board's report and the Land Revenue Commissioner's inspection notes are appended.[a]

(d) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(e) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(f) That was very probably the idea when these blocks were reserved. This is no reason why they should not serve that purpose under panchayat management.

(g) No.

Development of the sandalwood industry.

*2012 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total quantity of sandalwood produced by the Madras Government in the last three years year-war;

(b) what is the information in the possession of the Government regarding—

(i) the quantity of sandalwood produced by the Mysore Government and in the whole of India and (if possible) the world output of sandalwood for the said years;

(ii) the profit made by the Mysore State on its sandalwood compared with that of Madras;

(c) what are the places in the Presidency where sandalwood is being produced and what is their extent;

(d) whether Government will place on the Council table the report or scheme of Mr. Latham in regard to the development of sandalwood and the preparation of sandalwood oil by the Madras Government;

(e) why the scheme has been dropped;

(f) how many sandalwood factories the Government of Madras have; and

(g) why no steps are taken by Government to start a sandalwood-oil factory and develop the utilization of sandalwood on a large scale?

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